

**REMARKS**

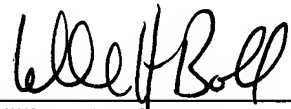
By this amendment, claims 1-21 are canceled. Thus, claims 22 & 23 remain pending in the present application.

**CLAIM OF PRIORITY**

The Applicant hereby claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 to Application No. 09/441,077, filed November 16, 1999, currently pending.

The specification of the present application is amended to contain a specific reference to the earlier filed application as required by 35 U.S.C. §120.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William H. Bollman', written over a horizontal line.

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